Import of power equipment by CEA

*170. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has drawn up a blueprint for huge imports of power equipment;

(b) if so, what are the details of the power equipment which CEA propose to import;

(c) whether the indigenous power equipment industries have been consulted before importing such huge equipment; and

(d) if so, what further action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Central Electricity Authority has assessed the requirement of the power sector during the Seventh and Eighth Plan periods for meeting the demand for power. While primary reliance will continue to be placed on indigenous sources for procurement of power equipment, external assistance for some power projects may have to be availed in view of the overall constraint of resources. External assistance is resorted to on a case by case basis keeping in view the national interest & fund constraints. CEA has not quantified the equipment to be imported.

Cases before MRTP Commission regarding equity linked debentures

*171. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases are pending before the MRTP Commission in respect of equity linked debentures after being cleared by the concerned Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the detailes thereof; and

(c) what is the number and details of cases launched on the basis of complaints received from a consumer group of Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Fifty one cases involving issue of equity linked debentures are, at present, pending before the M.R.T.P. Commission. Thirty-two of these cases arose out of complaints made by the Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad. Details regarding all the 51 cases are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 54].

Industrial development of Chandrapur

*172. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the industrial development of Chandrapur in Maharashtra and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the name of the institutions and agencies which have given offers in the development of Chandrapur; and

(c) what amount Government propose to incur thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Industrialisation of a particular district/area in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, in order to develop the backward areas, the Central Government supplements their efforts by providing various incentives/concessions to encourage entrepreneurs for setting up industrial units in backward areas. Chandrapur district in Maharashtra has been identified as Category 'B' district and entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in this district are eligible for 15 per cent Central Subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs (Rs. 20 lakhs in the case of Nucleus Plants) on fixed capital investments.